

## Upcoming City Council Agenda Items

**February 16, 2016**

### 7:00 Regular Meeting

- [Public Hearing](#) on Ordinance 2296 regarding Title 14 amendments
- [Public Hearing](#) on Ordinance 2301 regarding wireless communication regulations
- [Public Hearing](#) on Ordinance 2300 regarding amendments to Chapter 14.10 SMC
- [Discussion](#) regarding medical and recreational marijuana

*The agenda list above is partial and tentative. For further information, click here for the City website:*

<http://www.snohomishwa.gov/AgendaCenter/City-Council-Agendas-1>

### 2016 Calendar:

#### Presidents' Day

Monday February 15  
CITY HALL CLOSED

#### City Council Meeting

Tuesday, February 16  
Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.  
George Gilbertson Boardroom  
1601 Avenue D

<http://snohomishwa.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/02162016-574>

## City Council Discussion of Recreational and Medical Marijuana

The City Council will discuss the City's current prohibitions on state-licensed medical and recreational marijuana uses at its February 16 meeting. The City ban on all commercial marijuana production, processing, and retail facilities has been in place since October 2014. Tuesday's City Council agenda item is for discussion only; no changes to the existing prohibition are proposed. Potential action by the City Council could include directing staff to develop code changes or additional information for a future meeting.

Washington State's regulation of legal marijuana continues to evolve. In the 2015 legislative session, significant changes included combining the medical marijuana industry with the more tightly-regulated recreational marijuana industry, changes to how private medical marijuana grow operations may occur, and changes to the way state marijuana excise taxes are shared with jurisdictions that allow the uses. The option to allow or prohibit state-licensed marijuana operations continues to rest with individual jurisdictions. A more detailed summary of regulatory changes is included in staff report in the City Council agenda, available through the agenda center on the City's website.

Community interest in this topic has been high in the past and broad participation is anticipated for this discussion as well.

## Garbage, Recycling and Yard Waste Collection and Disposal



Solid Waste rates, beginning April 1, 2016, will remain the same with no increase in the bi-monthly charges for garbage, recycling and yard waste collection. On February 2, 2016, the Snohomish City Council reviewed proposed solid waste rates for the upcoming year and was notified by the current solid waste contractor that there will be no increase.

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# Public Hearing on Draft Wireless Communications Regulations

The City Council will hold a public hearing on proposed wireless communication facility (WCF) regulations as part of its regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on February 16. Following the hearing, the City Council will consider adoption of Ordinance 2301 as recommended by the Planning Commission. The second Planning Commission recommendation for the City Council's consideration is whether to allocate funds to have a professional engineer with expertise in wireless communication codes review the draft regulations prior to adoption.

The draft ordinance may be found on the City's website at:

<http://www.snohomishwa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/2501>. All interested parties are invited to review the draft and provide comment to the City Council at the public hearing.

The Planning Commission has been working on this overhaul of the City's WCF regulations since October of last year. WCFs include the antennas, any support structures, and the associated ground equipment necessary to provide wireless coverage. While cell towers are their common image, the term WCF represents a range of forms and technologies including large and small cell systems with antennas located within and on buildings and other structures. As the capabilities and use of cell phones and other wireless devices has increased, service providers have had to increase the capacity and range of their networks. To facilitate the rapid deployment of new and upgraded wireless facilities, the federal government has adopted regulations to address potential local government impediments to approval of such facilities.

The current adopted WCF regulations in the City's Land Use Development Code are approaching 20 years old and are out of step with the state of wireless technology, community expectations, and current federal requirements. Deficiencies in the current regulations became evident when Verizon Wireless applied for a new cell tower at the Boys and Girls Club at Second Street and Pine Avenue. Although the Verizon application was withdrawn before the review process reached a conclusion, the review and attendant community discussions highlighted the shortcomings of the current code.

The current code regulates *where* WCFs may be constructed but little else. According to the federal preemptions, the City cannot merely restrict potential locations to limited areas of the city, such as industrial areas, if this will result in an effective prohibition on the provision of personal wireless services. Instead, the proposed regulations provide a hierarchy of preferences for the location and scale of new facilities. The more-preferred options—those that are less conspicuous—must be evaluated and determined to be inadequate for the functional coverage needs of a proposed WCF before a less-preferred alternative can be approved.

The proposed regulations include a range of other requirements for WCF proposals, including, among others, specific development standards to further minimize their appearance, public notice requirements, and a public hearing process separate from the permit review process that would be required precedent to any lease or other use of City-owned land for a WCF. If adopted, the proposed regulations will be a new chapter in Title 14 of the Snohomish Municipal Code.

# Applicants Sought for Snohomish Economic Development Committee

Applicants are being sought to fill a vacancy on the City of Snohomish Economic Development Committee. The applications are due to the City Clerk by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 24, at City Hall, 116 Union Avenue in Snohomish.

The Committee helps to coordinate and facilitate implementation of the City's strategic plan *Imagine Snohomish: Promoting Vitality and Preserving Character*, by considering means to promote economic development for increased retail sales, tourism, construction and creation of living wage employment opportunities to improve the local economy.

Due to the expertise required to perform the duties of the Committee, appointed members are those with an interest in the City as a result of living, working, owning property or business, and/or belonging to one of the City's civic organizations. All City board and commission members are volunteers serving without compensation.

The appointment is for two years beginning April 1, 2016. The committee meets from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. the fourth Tuesday of the months of January, March, May, July, September, and November.

Applications are available at City Hall and may also be downloaded from the City website: <http://www.snohomishwa.gov/108/Boards-Commissions>

## The Future of Snohomish Area Tourism Workshop

If you have an interest in planning the future tourism vision in Snohomish and the surrounding area, you are invited to participate in the Skykomish and Snohomish River Valley Rural Tourism Workshop. Community leaders, tourism entrepreneurs, tour operators, lodging property owners, outdoor enthusiasts, restaurateurs and anyone with an interest in strengthening the local economy through tourism are encouraged to participate. The workshops will be held in Monroe on March 7th & 8th. To register for the FREE workshops visit <http://eepurl.com/bP8ykH>

## Send in Your Solid Waste Survey

The first Solid Waste Survey was included in the January 31, 2016 utility bill for customers in the eastern part of Snohomish (Billing Cycle 2). The City Council would like to hear from utility customers and is conducting a solid waste survey to gather customer feedback about garbage rates, types of services preferred, customer service and general feedback on our garbage, recycling and yard waste program. Please complete the survey and return to City Hall by including the survey with your utility billing payment, drop the survey in the utility bill after-hours drop box or mail to City Hall. Survey results will be tallied and feedback will be provided to the City Council and community at a future City Council meeting this Spring 2016.



## Rep. Suzan DelBene meets with City officials



U.S. House Representative Suzan DelBene (second from left) met last week with three members of the City Council and City Manager Larry Bauman. Pictured above are Mayor Karen Guzak, Mayor Pro Tem Lynn Schilaty and Councilmember Tom Hamilton. City Manager Bauman is at far left. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss current and upcoming federal legislation and related issues.

## Our Water is Safe to Drink

With the coverage of the Flint, Michigan lead-in-the-water disaster you may be wondering how safe is our City drinking water, especially for lead?

The City of Snohomish monitors for Lead and Copper every three years as required by our permit with the Washington State Department of Health.

The Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for lead in drinking water is 15 parts per billion (ppb). Yes, that is billion with a “b”. Very low levels of lead are allowed in our drinking water. In 2012, the City tested 30 sites within the City’s water system. All were below the MCL for lead. The 90<sup>th</sup> percentile of the results was 1.6 ppb, meaning 90% of the results were below 1.6 ppb. And most recently, in 2015, the City tested 37 sites within the City’s water system. Again, all were below the MCL for lead. And this time, the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile of the results was 1.7 ppb.

Our water is very soft and not corrosive. We have not made any changes to our water source and our corrosion control processes are well established and effective as is evidence by our very low lead values. For more information, email Ann Ray, Water Quality Specialist at [ray@snohomishwa.gov](mailto:ray@snohomishwa.gov), or Steve Schuller, Public Works Director, at [schuller@snohomishwa.gov](mailto:schuller@snohomishwa.gov).



## **EXPECT TRAFFIC DELAYS AND ROAD/LANE CLOSURES IN 2016.**

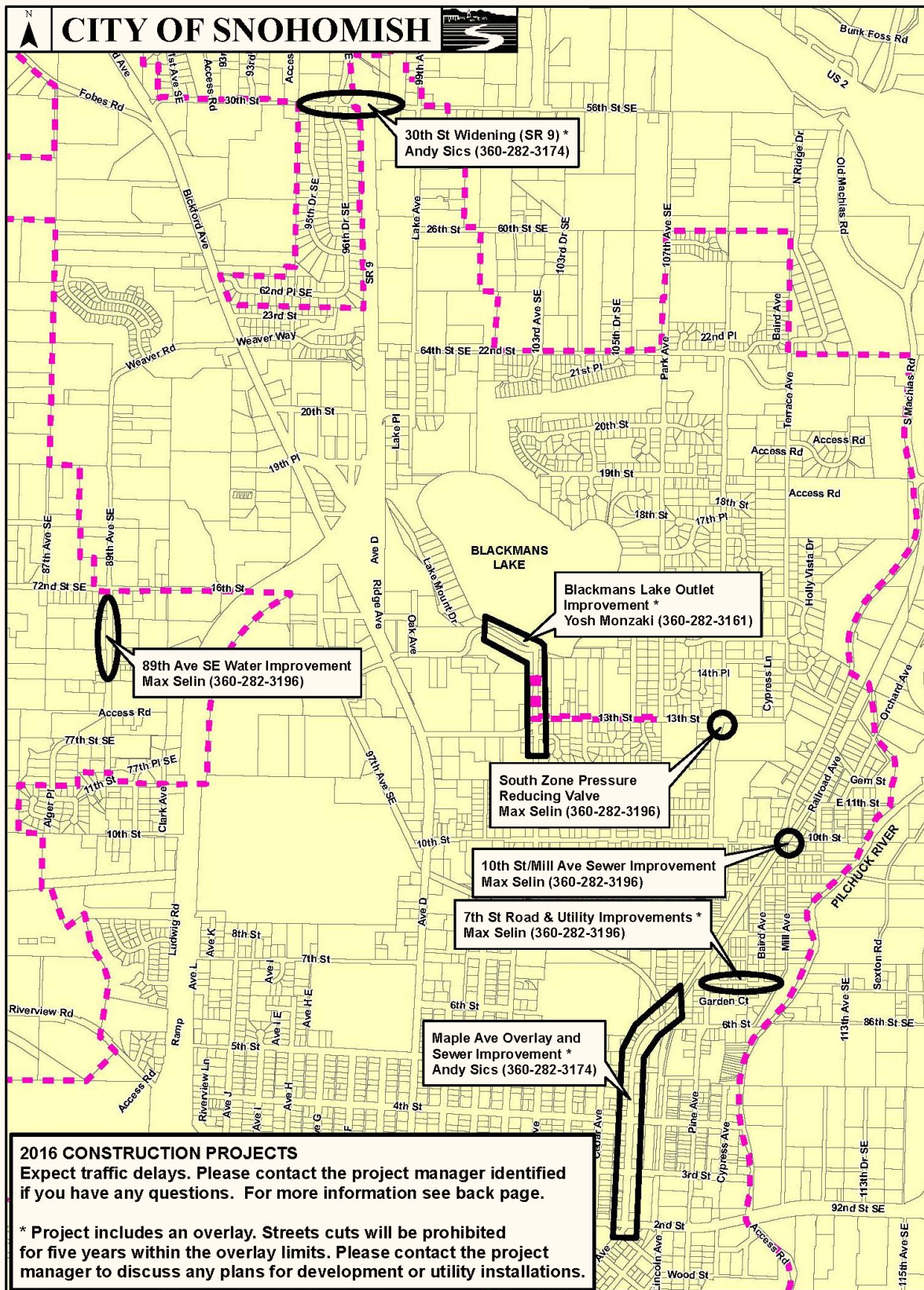
**(See map following this list for project locations)**

The following is a brief description of the 2016 projects:

1. 30<sup>th</sup> Street (aka 56<sup>th</sup> Street SE) Widening (at SR 9) – Design funding was awarded to the City by the Puget Sound Regional Council in September 2013. Design and permitting was completed in 2015. The City was awarded construction funding by the Transportation Improvement Board in 2015. Transportation Benefit District provided matching funds for this grant. Construction will begin in summer 2016. Project consists of road widening (adding a combined through/right turn lane), traffic signal improvements, paving, sidewalk improvements, retaining wall, striping, traffic control, temporary lane closure, drainage and ADA improvements.
2. Maple Avenue Overlay (Pine Avenue – 2<sup>nd</sup> Street) and Sewer Improvement – Transportation Improvement Board awarded the City pavement preservation funds for the purpose of overlaying Maple Avenue between Pine Avenue and Second Street. Transportation Benefit District provided matching funds for this grant. The City will partner with Snohomish County to complete the project design and construction. Construction will begin in summer 2016. Project consists of grind and pavement overlay, sidewalk and ADA improvements, striping, traffic control, replacement of approximately 470 linear feet of sewer pipe and temporary road/lane closure.
3. Seventh Street Road and Utility Improvements – Sewer and water mains will be repaired and replaced on Seventh Street between Pine Avenue and Mill Avenue. Project consists of replacing approximately 750 linear feet of sewer and water pipe, grind and pavement overlay, sidewalk and ADA improvements, striping, traffic control and temporary road/lane closure. Design to be completed in spring 2016. Construction will begin in summer 2016. Project will be funded by the Sewer and Water Funds and the Transportation Benefit District (pavement overlay).
4. Tenth Street/Mill Avenue Sewer Improvements – Project consists of replacing approximately 75 linear feet of sewer pipe on Tenth Street at Mill Avenue, asphalt patch, striping, traffic control and temporary road/lane closure. Design to be completed in spring 2016. Construction will begin in summer 2016. Project will be funded by the Sewer Fund.
5. South Zone Reservoir Pressure Reducing Valve – A pressure reducing valve (PRV) will be installed at the South Zone Reservoir site, located at the southeast corner of Pine Avenue/13<sup>th</sup> Street. Project consists of installation of a PRV, water main connection at Pine Avenue/13<sup>th</sup> Street, asphalt patch, striping, surface restoration, traffic control and temporary lane closure. Design to be completed in spring 2016. Construction will begin in summer 2016. Project will be funded by the Water Fund.
6. Blackmans Lake Outlet Improvement – Project consists of replacing four culverts at Ferguson Park Road, constructing an earth berm and overflow channel, removing sediment from the existing channel, grind and pavement overlay of Avenue A (from 13<sup>th</sup> Street to Ferguson Park Road) and Ferguson Park Road, sidewalk and ADA improvements, surface restoration, plantings, striping, traffic control and temporary road/lane closure. Permitting has been completed. Design to be completed in spring 2016. Construction will begin in summer 2016. Project will be funded by the Storm Fund and Transportation Benefit District (pavement overlay).
7. 89<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE Water Improvement – Project consists of replacing approximately 780 linear feet of water pipe on 89<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE south of 16<sup>th</sup> Street, surface restoration, traffic control and temporary lane closure. Design to be completed in spring 2016. Construction will begin in summer 2016. Project will be funded by the Water Fund.

## **EXPECT SOME OVERLAP OF THE CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULES FOR THESE PROJECTS DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS.**

Your patience during construction is appreciated. These improvements will improve the utility systems, traffic flow, pedestrian safety and preserve the roads.





# Highlighted Land Use Applications in Process

The applications listed below are currently pending or under review. During the comment period associated with a development proposal, interested parties may submit comments for the project record. For additional information on any of these projects, the project file may be reviewed at City Hall during normal business hours. Staff is also available to respond to questions at the contact information below.

## **Posey Short Plat (two-lot short plat):** 1706 Seventh Street

File #19-15-SP

Complete application determination issued October 6, 2015.

Notice of Application issued October 16, 2015. Administrative Approval and Notice of Decision issued on February 4, 2016; revised Notice issued on February 8, 2016 (location corrected and appeal period adjusted): <http://www.snohomishwa.gov/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/950>.

More information: Brooke Eidem, Associate Planner, 360-282-3167, [eidem@snohomishWA.gov](mailto:eidem@snohomishWA.gov)

## **Park Avenue North Short Plat** (four-lot short plat): 1915 Park Avenue

File #22-15-SP

Complete application determination issued December 16, 2015. Notice of Application issued December 23, 2015. Application is currently in review.

More information: Brooke Eidem, Associate Planner, 360-282-3167, [eidem@snohomishWA.gov](mailto:eidem@snohomishWA.gov)

## **Park Avenue South Short Plat** (three-lot short plat): 1909 Park Avenue

File #23-15-SP

Complete application determination issued December 16, 2015. Notice of Application issued December 23, 2015. Application is currently in review.

More information: Brooke Eidem, Associate Planner, 360-282-3167, [eidem@snohomishWA.gov](mailto:eidem@snohomishWA.gov)

## **Wireless Communication Facility Amendments**

File #16-01-SEPA

Determination of Non-Significance issued February 1, 2016. Comment/appeal period for environmental (SEPA) threshold determination through February 16, 2016:

<http://www.snohomishwa.gov/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/946>.

More information: Owen Dennison, Planning Director, 360-282-3173, [dennison@snohomishWA.gov](mailto:dennison@snohomishWA.gov)

## **Title 14 Cleanup**

File #16-02-SEPA

Determination of Non-Significance issued February 1, 2016. Comment/appeal period for environmental (SEPA) threshold determination through February 16, 2016:

<http://www.snohomishwa.gov/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/948>.

More information: Brooke Eidem, Associate Planner, 360-282-3167, [eidem@snohomishWA.gov](mailto:eidem@snohomishWA.gov)

For a complete list of all land use and development projects currently in review, please visit the City's website. <http://www.snohomishwa.gov/DocumentCenter/Home/View/2376>